

VOTE - Voter Outreach Through Education  
Washington Secretary of State

**UNITED STATES AND WORLD CURRICULUM GRADES 8-12  
TEACHER EALRS, LESSON 1**



**THEME: PARTICIPATION IS THE CORNERSTONE TO DEMOCRACY**

State Essential Academic Learning Requirements (EALRs) to which this lesson relates:

**SOCIAL STUDIES:**

- 2.1 Understand and use interpersonal and group process skills required by citizens in a democratic society.
- 2.1a Discussion skills.
- 2.1b Group interaction skills.
- 3.1 Understand and apply critical thinking and problem solving skills to make informed and reasoned decisions.

**HISTORY:**

- 1. The student examines and understands major ideas, eras, themes, developments, turning points, chronology, and cause-effect relationships in United States, world, and Washington State history.
- 2. The student understands the origin and impact of ideas and technological developments on history.

**CIVICS:**

- 1. The student understands and can explain the core values and democratic principles of the United States as set forth in foundational documents, including the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution.
- 4. The student understands the rights and responsibilities of citizenship and the principles of democratic civic involvement.

**READING:**

- 2. The student understands the meaning of what is read.
- 3. The student reads different materials for a variety of purposes.

**COMMUNICATION:**

- 1. The student uses listening and observation skills to gain understanding.
- 2. The student communicates ideas clearly and effectively.
- 3. The student uses communication strategies and skills to work effectively with others.